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SUBJ: ISRAELI REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION

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1. POLCOUNSELOR REVIEWED BACKGROUND OF ISRAELI ISSUE
IN UNESCO WITH ACTING JOINT SECRETARY (UN) VINAY VERMA
SEPTEMBER 22. VERMA LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND SAID THAT
MEA HAD ASKED MINEDUCATION FOR ITS VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT
FOLLOWING INDIAN DCM VENKATESWARAN'S REPORT OF HIS
CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON LAST WEEK.
VERMA EXPRESSED GREATEST INTEREST IN QUESTION OF WHETHER
ISSUE WOULD BE PUT TO UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN TERMS
OF UP-OR-DOWN VOTE IN ISRAEL OR AS PROCEDURAL ISSUE.
HIS QUESTION IMPLIED THAT IF INDIA COULD HANDLE THE
SITUATION AS A VOTE ON A PROCEDURAL RULE AFFECTING ALL
COUNTRIES AS OPPOSED TO THE NEED TO SPECIFICALLY DECIDE AN
ISRAELI ISSUE, THIS WOULD SIMPLIFY INDIA'S DECISIONS

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ON WHETHER TO SUPPORT ISRAELI INCLUSION IN UNESCO EUROPEAN

REGION. POLCOUNSELOR OFFERED HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE WOULD INDEED BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE
FALL 1975 EXECBOARD'S RECOMMENDATION AS A GENERAL RULE
FIRST, FOLLOWING WHICH ISRAELI INCLUSION IN EUROPEAN
REGION WOULD APPEAR TO FOLLOW ESSENTIALLY AUTOMATICALLY
SINCE EUROPEANS WOULD ENDORSE ISRAELI PARTICIPATION.
VERMA SAID HE COULD NOT GIVE GOI VIEWS PENDING FURTHER
CONSULTATIONS BOTH WITHIN MEA AND MINED.

2. POLCOUNSELOR REFERRED TO POINTS A-C (PARA 6 REFTTEL)
IN GENERAL TERMS BUT DID NOT LABOR THEM, AND VERMA CLEARLY
UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEM. SAXBE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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